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	AC1	4,040,629	08/1977	Kelly	273	278	
	AD1	4,218,755	08/1980	Root	364	900	
	AE1	4,766,539	08/1988	Fox	364	401	
	AF1	4,784,150	11/1988	Voorhies <i>et al.</i>	128	664	
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	AI1	5,128,862	07/1992	Mueller	364	405	
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	AC2	5,208,665	05/1993	McCalley <i>et al.</i>	358	86	
	AD2	5,237,496	08/1993	Kagami <i>et al.</i>	364	401	
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	AF2	5,253,165	10/1993	Leiseca <i>et al.</i>	364	407	
	AG2	5,283,865	02/1994	Johnson	395	161	
	AH2	5,295,064	03/1994	Malec <i>et al.</i>	364	401	
	AI2	5,295,069	03/1994	Hersey <i>et al.</i>	364	419.17	
	AJ2	5,309,355	05/1994	Lockwood	364	401	
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	AC3	5,796,932	08/1998	Fox et al.	395	161	
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	AF3	6,418,417	07/2002	Corby et al.	705	35	
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	AS	3	Engle, R.F. et al., "Modelling Peak Electricity Demand", <i>Journal of Forecasting</i> , John Wiley & Sons, Vol. 11, No. 3, pp. 241-251 (April 1992).
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